



## Eastern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team

**Bear Paw Fire June 26, 2006 9:00 a.m.**

Acres: 2200 Containment: 5% Cause: Under Investigation Personnel: 224  
Aircraft: 5 Engines: 16 Dozers: 4 Type 1 Crews 4 Type 2 Crews 4

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### **Fire Information: (505) 289-3264**

The Bear Paw Fire which started on Saturday, June 24 at 3 pm is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northwest of Regina, N.M. and 1 mile west of Gallina Plaza. It is burning in sagebrush, Piñon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer.

**Events for Sunday June 25, 2006:** Yesterday's fire activity was very active. The combination of dry fuels from our extended drought and gusty winds when the weather system passed over caused the fire to move in several directions. Expansion of the acres burned was primarily to the northeast. Rain did fall on the fire, but was not enough to make any significant difference. There were several spots over road 76, but they were caught immediately.

A community meeting was held at 8 pm at the Coronado H.S. in Gallina. Attendance was strong and the people were given answers to their questions in addition to receiving a complete update on the fire.

**Monday June 26, 2006:** Transition from the Forest Type 3 Team to the Eastern Arizona Type 2 Team took place at 6 am this morning. Activity on the fire is expected to be a copy of yesterday; with another thunderstorm rolling through the area. Additional resources are on order and will be arriving through out the day. Firefighters will be concentrating their efforts on the north, northeast, and east sides of the fire. The other sections of the fire are displaying much lower activity and far less potential to spread. Firefighters this morning will be going direct, which means they are right on the fireline. Construction of both hand line and dozer line where needed will continue, and some mop up will begin today.

All power has been restored and hopefully will remain so.

**Evacuations:** Evacuations are still in place for 120 residences from: Gallina Plaza "Placita", Bear Paw Estates, and Albers Valley. Evacuees are being housed at the Eichwald Community Center in Cuba, located North of Highway 550 off of Highway 126. The San Juan Red Cross Chapter is managing the evacuation center. Evacuees from Bear Paw Estates and Albers Valley are encouraged to check-in at the Eichwald Community Center even if they're not planning to stay.

**Road Closures:** Highway 96 remains closed from mile marker 8 in San Jose to Mile Marker 18 in Gallina.